

# *EPA's Transportation Partners* **Shortcuts**

## Using the Internet to Promote Sustainable Transportation Initiatives

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**A**ny organization with an Internet web page has the potential to reach millions of people all over the world. To capitalize on the tremendous benefits that the Internet offers, the Transportation Partners program and the Surface Transportation Policy Project have established TransAct (the Transportation Action Network) at [www.transact.org](http://www.transact.org). TransAct is a great place to start for anyone interested in searching the world wide web for information on transportation alternatives and sustainable communities. The site offers numerous publications, resource directories, examples of successful transportation projects, contact information, an interactive forum, transportation news, and hundreds of links to other useful web sites.

While providing information is the key goal of TransAct, that goal is not accomplished by simply providing access to publications. People working across the

nation and the world on transportation and community issues have a great deal of expertise and advice to share. Through a forum called "Talk Back," visitors are put in touch with others working on these issues to ask questions and gain referrals on a one-on-one basis. Wherever possible, TransAct provides links to e-mail or web site addresses, so TransAct visitors can have direct contact with the source of the information they need. This interactivity is part of an overall goal of making transportation and community information as accessible as possible and providing a mechanism that allows individuals and groups to share each other's insights and expertise.

Pages 2 and 3 of this edition of *Shortcuts* are devoted to a map of TransAct and other web sites especially useful for those involved in promoting sustainable transportation initiatives. Sites listed as "interactive" offer chat rooms and other multi-party communication features. ◆

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## New EPA On-Line Publications

EPA has released *Opportunities to Improve Air Quality Through Transportation Pricing Projects*, a document that explains what transportation pricing is and how transportation pricing programs can reduce automobile emissions. In addition, this document includes examples of pricing programs that have been undertaken in the United States. If you would like a copy, go to [www.epa.gov/omswwww/market.htm](http://www.epa.gov/omswwww/market.htm). For a printed copy, send an e-mail with your name and address to: [oms-mkt-incen@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:oms-mkt-incen@epamail.epa.gov).

Also available at [www.epa.gov/omswwww/market.htm](http://www.epa.gov/omswwww/market.htm) is a catalog of air quality program summaries entitled the "MIRC Directory." The Directory describes mobile source reduction initiatives including emissions credit trading, fleet vehicle buy-back, and accelerated scrappage. The MIRC Directory also includes a full-text search engine.

EPA is also finalizing a guidance document entitled *Guidance on the Use of Market Mechanisms to Reduce Transportation Emissions*. This document will provide planners and decision makers with information on transportation pricing policies that can help them attain air quality goals. A copy may be downloaded in early 1998 from the Transportation Partner's web site at [www.epa.gov/oppe/tp/transpub.htm](http://www.epa.gov/oppe/tp/transpub.htm). To request a printed copy of the current draft, call (800) 490-9198.

Explore these sites on the Internet to obtain technical information and f exchange ideas with transportation experts in interactive forums, and dis please call the TP Hotline at (202) 260-6830 or u:

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## Transportation Research Sites

<i>Transportation Research Board</i> ( <a href="http://www.nas.edu/trb">www.nas.edu/trb</a> ) <small>INTERACTIVE</small>	<i>The Center for Transportation and the Environment</i> ( <a href="http://itre.ncsu.edu/itre/cte/cte.html">itre.ncsu.edu/itre/cte/cte.html</a> )
<i>Princeton University's Directory of Transportation Resources</i> ( <a href="http://dragon.princeton.edu/~dnh">dragon.princeton.edu/~dnh</a> )	<i>Florida Institute for Marketing Alternative Transportation</i> ( <a href="http://fimat.cob.fsu.edu">fimat.cob.fsu.edu</a> )
<i>Northwestern University's Transportation Library</i> ( <a href="http://www.library.nwu.edu/transportation">www.library.nwu.edu/transportation</a> )	<i>The Center for Transportation</i> ( <a href="http://cta.ed.ornl.gov">cta.ed.ornl.gov</a> )

## Transit Sites

<i>American Public Transit Association</i> ( <a href="http://www.apta.com">www.apta.com</a> )	<i>AASHTO Multi-State Technical Assistance Program</i> ( <a href="http://www.mtap.org">www.mtap.org</a> )
<i>National Transit Institute</i> (165.230.10.130/nti)	<i>Federal Transit Administration</i> ( <a href="http://www.fta.dot.gov">www.fta.dot.gov</a> )

## Other Government Sites

<i>Center of Excellence for Sustainable Development</i> ( <a href="http://www.sustainable.doe.gov">www.sustainable.doe.gov</a> )	<i>THOMAS - Library of Congress</i> ( <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov">thomas.loc.gov</a> )
<i>Bureau of Transportation Statistics</i> ( <a href="http://www.bts.gov">www.bts.gov</a> )	<i>FTA's Livable Communities Initiative</i> ( <a href="http://www.fta.dot.gov/library/planning/livbro.html">www.fta.dot.gov/library/planning/livbro.html</a> )
<i>National Association of Regional Councils</i> ( <a href="http://narc.org/narc">narc.org/narc</a> )	<i>National Science Foundation</i> ( <a href="http://www.nsf.gov/home/grants.htm">www.nsf.gov/home/grants.htm</a> )
<i>Government Printing Office</i> ( <a href="http://www.access.gpo.gov">www.access.gpo.gov</a> )	<i>National Association of Counties</i> ( <a href="http://www.naco.org">www.naco.org</a> )

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([www.epa.gov/region](http://www.epa.gov/region))  
*EPA's Global Climate*  
([www.epa.gov/global](http://www.epa.gov/global))  
*EPA's Green Book - I*  
*Pollutants* ([www.epa](http://www.epa))  
*EPA's Environmental*  
([www.epa.gov/efinpag](http://www.epa.gov/efinpag))  
*EPA's National Center*  
*Quality Assurance* (w  
*Other EPA Resources*  
([www.epa.gov/epaho](http://www.epa.gov/epaho))

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resources, gain valuable contacts, learn from applicable case studies, tools that make communities more livable. New sites develop quickly — sAct to help this list of available resources grow.

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### Bicycle/Pedestrian Sites

*National Bicycle and Pedestrian  
 Clearinghouse*  
 (www.bikefed.org/page7.html)

*Pedestrian Safety Roadshow*  
 (www.ota.fhwa.dot.gov/  
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*Bike Plan Source*  
 (www.bikeplan.com)

*Bicycle Advocacy Online*  
 (www.serve.com/bikesrus/  
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*Bikemap.com*  
 (www.bikemap.com)

### ITS/Telecommuting Sites

*ITS Online*  
 (www.itsonline.com)

*ITS Network*  
 (www.its-network.com)

*ITS America*  
 (www.itsa.org)

*TAC – The International  
 Telework Association*  
 (www.telecommute.org)

*Telecommute America!*  
 (www.att.com/  
 Telecommute\_America)

### Sustainable Development Sites

*Transportation for Livable  
 Communities*  
 (www.tlcnetwork.org)

*Tools for a Sustainable  
 Community*  
 (www.iclei.org/la21/onestop.htm)

*Community Transportation  
 Association of America*  
 (www.ctaa.org)

*Planners Web — Planning  
 Commissioners Journal*  
 (www.webcom.com/pcj)

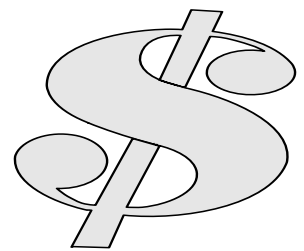
*Sustainable Communities  
 Network* (www.sustainable.org)

*Planning and Architecture Internet  
 Resource Center* (www.arch.  
 buffalo.edu/pairc)

*Transportation and Development  
 Politics on the Internet* (www.  
 preservenet.com/TransDev.html)

*Energy Foundation* (www.ef.org)

*President's Council on Sustainable  
 Development*  
 (www.whitehouse.gov/PCSD)



### Funding Sources

Beginning with this issue, *Shortcuts* will periodically devote space to make fundraising easier by highlighting financial topics ranging from identification of funding sources and application deadlines to innovative public financing of transit projects.

The Internet can be a powerful tool in looking for grants. Keep in mind, however, that not every grant opportunity will be identified by using one of the Internet search engines like Yahoo or Alta Vista. Although there are legal notification requirements for public funds, not every federal, state, and local funding program will be advertised on the web or have its own web page. Similarly, The Foundation Center estimates that there are 39,000+ philanthropic foundations, yet only 500 of them have web pages. Therefore, it is useful to search more comprehensive directories of grant programs like those found at the following sites:

The EPA grants page for national and regional programs ([www.epa.gov/ogd/grants.htm](http://www.epa.gov/ogd/grants.htm)); The Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog's complete listing of federal funding opportunities ([www.gsa.gov/fdac/](http://www.gsa.gov/fdac/)); and The Foundation Center's on-line search of foundation grant programs ([www.fdncenter.org](http://www.fdncenter.org)).

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## TP CONTACTS

TP HOTLINE  
(202) 260-6830

TP Web Site  
<http://www.epa.gov/oppe/tp>

TransAct Web Site  
<http://www.transact.org>



## PRINCIPAL PARTNERS

Association for  
Commuter Transportation  
(202) 393-3497

Bicycle Federation of America, Inc.  
(202) 463-6622

Center for Clean Air Policy  
(202) 408-9260

Environmental Defense Fund  
(202) 387-3500

International Council for Local  
Environmental Initiatives  
(510) 540-8843

Local Government Commission:  
Center for Livable Communities  
(916) 448-1198 or  
(800) 290-8202

Public Technology, Inc.  
(202) 626-2400 or  
(800) 852-4934

Renew America  
(202) 232-2252  
or (800) 922-RENEW

Surface Transportation Policy  
Project  
(202) 466-2636



# Now Available From the Web Pages of TP Central and the Principal Partners:

EPA's Transportation Partners web site houses a "Research and Publications" section at [www.epa.gov/oppe/tp/transpub.htm](http://www.epa.gov/oppe/tp/transpub.htm) in which you can view or download technical reports and past issues of Shortcuts. An EPA report entitled *The Emission Reduction Potential of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program: Preliminary Assessment* is the latest addition to this page.

ACT's TDM Institute is described at [fimat.cob.fsu.edu/ProgPart.htm](http://fimat.cob.fsu.edu/ProgPart.htm). From this site, you can learn more about the Institute's Telecommute America program and its Commuter Choice initiatives.

Go to [www.bikefed.org](http://www.bikefed.org), enter the "Clearinghouse" section of BFA's web site, and check out BFA's most recent publication entitled *Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning under ISTEA: A Synthesis of State of the Practice*, which reviews state and metropolitan long-range plans for bicycling and walking.

Review EDF's latest reports in its "Library," located at [www.edf.org/pubs](http://www.edf.org/pubs). To interact with EDF staff, try one of the discussion forums (e.g., Global Warming/Climate Change) that can be found at [www2.edf.org/webforum/bin/groups.xgi](http://www2.edf.org/webforum/bin/groups.xgi).

Browse through ICLEI's One-Stop Guide at [www.iclei.org/la21/onestop.htm](http://www.iclei.org/la21/onestop.htm) to identify federal resources that can help your local government create a sustainable community. To calculate how much your local government spends subsidizing cars, go to [www.iclei.org/co2/auto/cars.htm](http://www.iclei.org/co2/auto/cars.htm).

Check out [www.lgc.org/clc/conferen.html](http://www.lgc.org/clc/conferen.html) for summaries of previous LGC conferences and workshops, and descriptions of upcoming ones. *Building Livable Communities: A Policymaker's Guide to Transit-Oriented Development* is now available at [www.lgc.org/clc/pub.html](http://www.lgc.org/clc/pub.html).

Go to [pti.nw.dc.us/PRISMS.htm](http://pti.nw.dc.us/PRISMS.htm) and browse through past issues of *Prism*, PTI's quarterly newsletter, to read articles on topics ranging from sustainable intelligent transportation systems to practical uses of geographic information system (GIS) data.

Want some ideas for innovative projects in your community? Read descriptions of past *Way to Go!* Awards winners on Renew America's web site at [www.crest.org/environment/renew\\_america/wtgo.html#winn](http://www.crest.org/environment/renew_america/wtgo.html#winn). ♦

### Principal Partner Sites:

Association for Commuter Transportation  
([fimat.cob.fsu.edu/act.htm](http://fimat.cob.fsu.edu/act.htm))

Bicycle Federation of America  
([www.bikefed.org](http://www.bikefed.org))

Environmental Defense Fund ([www.edf.org](http://www.edf.org))

International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives  
([www.iclei.org](http://www.iclei.org))

Local Government Commission  
([www.lgc.org/clc/](http://www.lgc.org/clc/))

Public Technology, Inc. ([pti.nw.dc.us](http://pti.nw.dc.us))

Renew America  
([www.crest.org/renew\\_america](http://www.crest.org/renew_america))

Surface Transportation Policy Project  
([www.transact.org](http://www.transact.org))